Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership



Family Self-Sufficiency Program

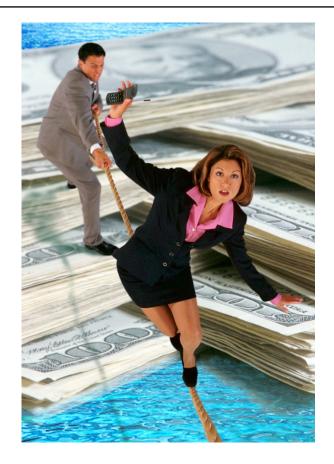


everyone deserves a place to call home



FSS Basics

- One to Seven YearVoluntary Program
- Available to MBHP
 HCVP Participants; No
 Other Eligibility
 Requirements
- Focuses on Providing Support and Asset Development





Requirements

- Maintain Regular Contact with Advisor
- □ HCVP Good Standing
- □ All Household Members Must be Welfare Free for
 12 Consecutive Months Prior to Graduation
- □ Obtain and/ or Maintain Suitable Employment
- Meet Goals Outlined in Individual Training and Service Plan (ITSP)



Services

- □ FSS Advisors assist with:
 - Benefit Screening
 - Improving Credit Scores
 - Resume Writing
 - Creating Household Budgets
 - Completing the FASFA
 - College Applications
 - Enrolling in ESL and GED Classes
 - Addressing barriers such as; child care, transportation, substance abuse, and domestic violence
 - Legal Referrals
 - And More . . .



Outreach to Potential Participants

- Community Development Corporations
- □ Neighborhood Meetings
- Recent Graduates
- Voucher Recertification



Participant Overview (n-327)

- □ 68 Elderly/Disabled 21%
- □ 93 No Personal Earnings 28%
- \square 171 w/Children Age < 12 52%
- □ 164 Single Parent 50%



Escrow Basics

- Escrow Credit is based on an increase in the Adjusted Monthly Income (AMI)
- □ Tenant rent portion increases due to increased in earned income; tenant will likely escrow
- □ Account is credited monthly until there is a subsequent change in income



Enrollment and Escrow



- FY 2012 enrollment increased by 22% to 303 participants. (Now 327)
- □ FY 2012 graduates:
 - \$14,117 average increase in income.
 - \$7,596 average escrow account.



Goals

- □ 500 Active Participants by June 2015
- Emphasis on Families who live in the Fairmount Corridor of Boston
- □ Leverage Additional Federal Funds
- □ Increase Family Assets and Investment in Local Neighborhoods

